

*Ordered*, That the Rules of the House observed last Session, be observed as such this Session.

*Resolved*, That the Hours of Sitting for Dispatch of Public Business, be from Eight until Twelve before Noon, and from Two until Six Afternoon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dulany*, do acquaint the Reverend Mr. *MacPberfon*, that he is desired, by this House, to read Divine Service, Morning and Evening, during this Session.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant, directed to the Deputy Secretary of this Province, forthwith to make out a new Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of *St. Mary's* County, to elect a Delegate to serve in this Assembly, in the Room of Mr. *Jeremiab Chase*, deceased.

On Motion, *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in an Address to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech.

*The House adjourns till the morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock.*

Tuesday, June 24, 1755.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. *Buchanan*, Mr. *Tolley*, Mr. *Edmondson* & Mr. *Edge*, appeared in the House.

*The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.*

*Post-Meridie.* The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. *Beall* appeared in the House.

*Philip Hammond*, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency, which was Read, Approved, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

*Philip Hammond*, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following ingrossed Address, viz.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

*May it please your Excellency,*

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of *Maryland*, in Assembly convened, return your Excellency our Thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session, and the Letter and Estimate laid before us.

We shall take the Subject Matter therein recommended, under our immediate and most attentive Consideration, and flatter ourselves our speedy Resolutions thereupon, will fully demonstrate our Readiness to embrace the Opportunity that now presents itself, of manifesting an unshaken Loyalty to the best of Kings, a just Sense of his royal and paternal Care of all his Subjects, however remote from the happy Influence of his more immediate Protection; and at the same Time, a steady Adherence, and immoveable Attachment, to the true Interests, Rights and Privileges, of those from whom our Power of forming Resolutions is delegated.

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